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City Council Inclined to Support Wider Sunnyside Avenue Bridge

by James Giese

Next Monday's meeting of the Greenbelt City Council will have on its agenda the issue of building a new bridge and widening Sunnyside Avenue east of Edmonston Road. While supporting a new bridge, the Advisory Planning Board (APB) opposes the proposed bridge width. City staff supports the county plan for construction which apparently is proceeding without seeking city input. Council at its June 3 meeting deferred action on the APB recommendations in order to give local watershed groups an opportunity to express their views on the issue.

At the June 3 regular council meeting, the agenda included for consideration the APB report opposing the proposed construction design width for the new bridge and road widening project for Sunnyside Avenue between Edmonston Road (Md. Rt. 201) and the CSX railroad tracks. Sunnyside Road is to the north of the city and crosses Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC)

land that is mostly floodplain. The road serves as a connector between U.S. 1 and Edmonston and provides access to the WMA-TA Green Line Metro maintenance yard, the U.S. Department of Agriculture headquarters facility and an industrial park. City staff, on the other hand, supports the project as proposed.

The APB seeks a narrower road width, contending that the 52 foot width proposed in order to provide for two road travel lanes, two bicycle lanes and two road shoulders, plus sidewalks on either side, is sufficient to enable the road to be converted to four travel lanes at a future time without any further public input as to need. The road "cannot be considered a sustainable street because it would induce traffic and . . . has a much larger footprint in the floodplain," the APB report to council contends. The board did find that "replacement of the bridge appears to be necessary from both a flood mitigation and a bridge condition

perspective" However, the board also declared that "the road widening portion of the project has no similar justification." APB recommends elimination of the proposed paved shoulders and widening bicycle lanes from five feet to six feet.

City staff does not agree with the board, however. In its opinion "the proposed . . . widening is an important project which will reduce road flooding, reduce hazards associated with roadway flooding and complete pedestrian and bicycle connections through the county's Complete Streets policies." Staff recommended to the council that it communicate its support for the project.

Design Proposal

The current bridge is 37 feet long and 22 feet wide and was built in 1946. Its elevation is below that of a two-year flood level, which results in frequent flooding of the bridge. The new bridge is to be 382 feet long with 55-foot spans between piers. It is to be set at the elevation of a 25-year flood. The entire road within the project will also be raised. The new road cross-section will consist of two 12-foot vehicle travel lanes with adjacent 5-foot bicycle lanes and then 9 foot shoulders on either side. Both sides would also have curbs

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Playground Merger Awaits July Decision on Surfacing

by Kathleen Gallagher

It was the best of playgrounds, it was the worst of playgrounds. At the very least, said Assistant City Manager David Moran, it has been the most discussed and analyzed of city playgrounds. This tale of two playgrounds becoming one started more than a year ago and isn't over quite yet.

On June 10, the city council met in worksession specifically to discuss a complaint raised by Theodora Scarato about the safety of the recycled rubber mulch planned to surface a new playground at Hillside and Laurel Hill Roads, near where she lives at 2 Court Laurel Hill. Scarato requested that the city use wood mulch as a safer choice instead.

Although several other residents did contact city staff and city councilmembers directly about the complaint – most questioning the rubber mulch, some opposing wood mulch – Scarato was the only resident of the immediate neighborhood who came to the meeting. All seven members of council were present, as were Moran, City Manager Michael McLaughlin and Playgrounds and Parks Supervisor Joe Doss. Steve Lenish of West Recreation, Inc. representing GameTime, the city's playground vendor, was also in attendance. The only person to attend other than Scarato was Bill Orleans.

History

As has been recounted in a number of past issues of this paper, in spring of last year the Public Works Department developed a proposal to combine and relocate two small playgrounds at 2 Court Laurel Hill and 12 Court Hillside, both on the property of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI). The playgrounds are covered by a shared responsibility agreement between the city and GHI that also requires GHI's written approval of any plans to eliminate playgrounds or equipment on GHI property. The proposal was discussed with the GHI Board of Directors in June and July of last year, with the board then soliciting opinion from GHI's Architectural Review Committee and its Woodlands Committee. A survey of all the residents living near the playground was also undertaken. The plan was approved at GHI's October 4 board meeting.

The new playground has been located between the two small playgrounds, both of which have extensive tree cover. City and GHI staff agreed that the impact of renovating the two small playgrounds independently would have a significant impact on the existing green infrastructure. The new play space was designed to be in a larger, more open area

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PHOTO BY JUSTINE MCDANIEL

Teacher Josita Allen and police officer Lt. John Boesman flank "Kap" Kapastin after the unveiling of their portraits on the Wall of Fame.

Beltway Plaza Honors Two: J. Allen and Lt. J. Boesman

by Justine McDaniel

Josita Allen, an educator in the Prince George's County Public schools, and Lt. John Boesman of the Prince George's County Police Department were inducted into the Beltway Plaza Wall of Fame on Saturday, June 8 in a ceremony.

In his opening remarks, Beltway Plaza Mall General Counsel Marc "Kap" Kapastin pointed to integrity, strength of character and dedication and devotion to community as qualities exhibited by the inductees, whom he called local heroes.

Mayor Judith Davis and Councilmember Emmett Jordan thanked Boesman and Allen for their service to the community, emphasizing the importance of

community members like them.

"Prince George's County can only be as strong as the education we provide for our children and the safety of the community they grow up in," said Davis.

Allen has just completed her 50th school year as a teacher; she has worked in Prince George's County since 1972. A Head Start teacher, Allen specializes in early childhood education. Currently she teaches at Scotchtown Hills Elementary School.

At the June 8 event she was introduced by her younger sister, DeNise Brock, who called Allen a "consummate educator," describing how Allen pushed her

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IHOP to Open Here in June

by Altoria Bell Ross

Geoff Trout is the son of a German father who was a pharmacist and a French housewife. The two struggled to raise five boys in Roanoke, Va. "The milkman loved us," said Trout, who will be opening an IHOP restaurant in Greenway Center on June 25.



Geoff Trout

Trout, who studied business administration, went to Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk, N.C., on a football scholarship. While in school, he washed dishes at night and audited books at a nearby Holiday Inn. Upon graduation, he spent 25 years in the hotel business traveling from New York to Dallas, Chicago and in between. Twenty years ago, he and one of his brothers bought the Riverdale IHOP. From there, Trout opened restaurants in College Park and Capital

Heights where he is involved in charities – Special Olympics and feeding the homeless, respectively.

"We are into the community and give back to the community."

Currently, he is training cooks and the other staff who will be greeting the

soon-to-be guests. "We want to give the best food and the best service that can be given," Trout said of the pending opening. When asked about the Denny's that used to occupy the space, he said, "We can out-gun them and out-do them."

Trout said the area is unique because of the well-established shopping center and proximity to its various businesses. "I had the opportunity to come here and I was not going to pass it up."

Letters

Have you seen me?

“I am a gray cat with buff rings around my tail. I love to roam 13 and 15 Courts Ridge Road and 4 Court Southway. On the garden-side, of course, that’s where the birds are.”

This is the human speaking. This week I am calling Animal Control to ask for a humane trap to put in my yard to try to catch this animal. I am afraid that if this is a feral cat, it could get rabies because it’s not getting its shots and could bite the toddlers and other children who play on the gardenside where the cat roams. I want to stop it from leaving germs around by using the garden-side for a potty.

If you are this cat’s human, you are breaking Greenbelt’s law by letting it roam. You also risk having it lose an encounter with a motorcycle, car, truck or bus, as happened to another gray cat in Greenbelt within the last 30 days. Keep it inside or go outside with it on a leash.

Patricia Heil

Open Microphone For Kids on Sunday

A Kids’ Open Microphone session will take the stage at the New Deal Café on Sunday, June 16 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. On the third Sunday of every month, children up to age 17 are invited to play a musical instrument, sing, dance, juggle, recite a poem or otherwise perform.

For more information call Anne Gardner at 301-220-1721 or email annegrdnr@yahoo.com.

Crazy Quilt Festival To Be this Saturday

The New Deal Café’s annual Crazy Quilt Music Festival will be held this Saturday, June 15 in Roosevelt Center. The festival, directed by Joe Harris, is an annual June affair for Greenbelt.

Starting outdoors at 11 a.m. it will feature multi-genre musical acts on the stage, with a collection of crazy quilts on display throughout Roosevelt Center. Come to hear everything from West African samba and reggae to acoustic folk and rockabilly. Listen to hard-pounding rhythmic groups such as Bele Bele Rhythm Collective and Sahel earlier in the day and acoustic acts such as Ace Elijah and ilyAIMY later in the afternoon. Lawn chairs and blankets are welcome outdoors at the festival. Complying with Roosevelt Center community rules, the party moves into the New Deal Café at 8 p.m., where food, wine and beer are available for purchase. The U-Liners will wrap up the evening with socially-conscious Americana roots-rock until 11 p.m.

The Crazy Quilt Festival is produced by the New Deal Café and is sponsored by Friends of New Deal Cafe Arts with support from the City of Greenbelt.

– Drew Noneman

Reel & Meal Showing Of The Naked Option

On Monday, June 17 at 7 p.m., the next installment of the monthly Reel & Meal at the New Deal series will be a showing of “The Naked Option,” preceded by an optional vegan buffet available for purchase at 6:30 p.m.

The 2011 film by Candace Schermerhorn portrays a peaceful protest by Nigerian women against the Chevron and Shell oil companies. Women in Nigeria’s Niger Delta, the location of Africa’s largest oil and gas drilling activity where the companies operate, used the threat of stripping naked in public, a serious cultural taboo, to hold the companies accountable to surrounding communities. For 10 days in July 2002, 600 rural peasant women ages 20 to 90 took over Chevron’s Niger Delta facilities, the largest in Nigeria (and third largest U.S. supplier), and succeeded in blocking the flow of a half-million barrels of oil a day through non-violent protest.

Problems with the facilities include some 550 million gallons of oil that environmentalists say have poured into the Niger River Delta over 50 years’ production. The film shows thick black oil lapping up in brackish delta creeks, polluting the drinking supply and harming vegetation and fishing that are the women’s traditional livelihood. Drilling involves flaring natural gas, emits greenhouse gases and releases toxins that cause asthma, cancer and respiratory illnesses. Promises made by the oil companies to end the protest have not been kept but the film is a call to action for change in our own communities just as these women transformed fear into political activism.

Reel & Meal programs are sponsored in collaboration with three Greenbelt affinity groups – Beaverdam Watershed Watch Group, Green Vegan Networking and the Prince George’s County Peace and Justice Coalition.

Star Party Is Planned At City Observatory

On Saturday, June 15 the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt (ASG) will sponsor a star party at the City of Greenbelt Observatory at Northway Field. In addition to the observatory telescope, several members will set up their personal telescopes and binoculars for the enjoyment of all.

Observing will begin as soon as it is dark, probably around 9:30 p.m., although telescopes may be set up earlier. In addition to the moon, now approaching first quarter phase, Saturn with its dramatic ring system is easily observed and other objects including several star clusters and nebulae can be seen.

The star party will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy. Attendees are asked to park in the ball field lot, not up on the hill unless bringing a telescope. All are welcome. There is no admission charge.

Free Diabetes Support Group

Doctors Community Hospital will hold a free diabetes support group on Monday, June 17.

The meeting will be held at the hospital’s Joslin Diabetes Center, 8100 Good Luck Road, North Building, 5th Floor, DSE Room. To register, call 301-552-8661.

FONDCA Call for Art For October Tour

Before artists and craftspeople go away or into summer mode, the Friends of the New Deal Café (FONDCA) is issuing a call for applications for the second Greenbelt artists’ studio tour in early October.

The first tour, on a Sunday in April 2012, was a success with the 13 exhibiting artists and the public and will be repeated with a second, longer two-day tour planned for 2 to 5 p.m. the weekend of October 5 and 6.

Artists or craftspeople at least 18 years old with a studio in Greenbelt are invited to participate, whether they live here or not. They may participate one or both days and will be asked to contribute one piece of art for display at the Café from September 9 through October.

For more information email Julia Wade, art show coordinator for the New Deal Café at newdealcafeart@yahoo.com or visit the Café website at www.newdealcafe.com.

Forest Preserve Nature Journaling Activity

On Saturday, June 15 at 10:30 a.m. there will be a “nature journaling in the woods” outing in the Greenbelt Forest Preserve that is billed as both a Preserve 10th anniversary and a Peace Month activity.

Artist and watershed steward Lesley Riddle will guide activities for enjoying the woods through drawing and writing. No experience is needed, just interest in nature along with sketch pad or paper and water. Participants should meet behind Mowatt Church, 40 Ridge Road.

For more information email greenbeltforestpreserve@gmail.com or call 301-474-7465 or 301-272-5448.

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On Screen Coupling Again

Opening at Old Greenbelt Theatre on Friday, June 14 is “Before Midnight,” the last of a trilogy that couples Celine (Julie Delpy) and Jesse (Ethan Hawke). In round one they traversed Vienna in a day and night talk-a-thon; in the second film they met again in Paris after nine years. Now, after another break of nine years, both divorced and rejoined in southern Greece, the closely-hauled pair delve at length, heatedly and wittingly, into the constrained fabric of their lives, together and apart.

Director Richard Linklater has been praised for the substantial texture of his latest film. Rated R, for nudity, sexual content and profanity. Running time: 108 minutes.

– Eli Flam

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Obituaries

George L. Stevens

Former resident George Leo Stevens, 84, died Tuesday, June 11, 2013.

He was predeceased by his wife Naomi Stevens.

Mr. Stevens is survived by his children Christine Spencer, Lisa Roberts, Kathleen Castro, George M. Stevens and Naomi Rivera; brother Charles Stevens; sister Sally Stevens and Eileen Kuch, his beloved companion. He is also survived by 15 grandchildren.

Funeral services, arranged by Borgwardt Funeral Home, will be held at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, June 15 at Borgwardt, 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, with Monsignor Mariano Balbago officiating. Interment will follow at Fort Lincoln Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Washington, D.C., Veterans Administration Medical Center Voluntary Service Office, 50 Irving Street NW, Washington, DC 20422.



Greenbelters were saddened to learn of the death of former resident George Leo Stevens on June 11, 2013, and extend sympathy to his family and friends.

Congratulations to:

– Amy Hansen and Anne Gardner, who received Certificates of Appreciation in recognition of outstanding community service from County Councilmember Ingrid Turner at the District 4 Civic Engagement and Appreciation Reception May 30. John Henry Jones was a featured speaker at the reception.

– Greenbelter Judith Kornett, whose exhibit of 21 ceramic sculptural works in a show titled “Forest Primeval” will be displayed in the Resident Artist Gallery at Montpelier Arts Center through June 26 and who will be feted at an artist reception from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, June 14.

– Tiffany Carol Dovel, who received a bachelor’s degree in early childhood education and Shanel Espreo Lauchman, who obtained a master’s degree in teaching from Towson University. The graduates are Judy and Jon Bell’s granddaughter Tiffany and Shanel is the wife of grandson Travis. Tiffany also received the Irene M. Steele Award for demonstrating the most promise in becoming a highly successful early childhood or elementary school teacher.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We’d especially like to hear more from neighbors in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West (Franklin Park). To send information for “Our Neighbors” email us at news-review@verizon.net or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland

Kumon Learning Center Located in Beltway Plaza

by Altoria Bell Ross

Youngmi Lee has always wanted to be a business woman. When she was a girl she remembered observing her father as he imported products into Seoul and exported Korean goods to Germany and Japan. As an adult Lee opened Kumon Learning Center in 1995 at College Park’s Berwyn Presbyterian Church. Lee has now moved her franchise to Beltway Plaza.

Her path to entrepreneurship was colorful. Lee, who studied arts crafts in education at Sung Shin Women’s College in Seoul, immigrated to the United States in 1980. She discovered she was good at sales and worked part-time at an antique Korean furniture store in Connecticut. Although Lee could read and write English, she could not understand it. Consequently, Lee took classes at an area community college.

A new marriage brought Lee to the Washington metropolitan area. It was in Laurel she was introduced to Kumon. She helped a friend at her franchise. When the friend became ill and stopped working, Lee said,

Kumon asked Lee if she were interested in taking over that franchise. She did so in 1997, adding a second to her portfolio.

At the afterschool supplemental program that emphasizes math and reading, Young employs six teachers – five students from Montgomery County Community College, the University of Maryland, Towson University and a retired Howard County teacher – to tutor students from prekindergarten to high school. Math instruction includes simple arithmetic to geometry, algebra and trigonometry.

Lee, whose 81-year-old mother lives with her, has two daughters – one who works in a hotel in Manhattan and the other who lives in Sydney, Australia. Lee’s sisters and brothers still reside in Seoul.

For women who are thinking about being their own boss, Young gives this advice, “Work where they are interested in and through experience they can tell whether they can do this or not. They can become independent business owners.”



PHOTO BY ALTORIA BELL ROSS

Youngmi Lee, owner of Kumon Learning Center, is a proponent of well-educated children.

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Vacation Bible School
Kingdom Chronicles
July 8th-12th
from 6:00 to 8:30pm

11:00am Worship Service

June 16th
Father's Day
Hosea 11:1-11

June 23rd
"What Is a Relationship with God Really Like" (part 2)
Nehemiah 9

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10 a.m. main service
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- Wednesdays
7 p.m. service with healing prayers (no music)

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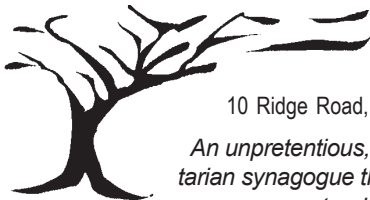
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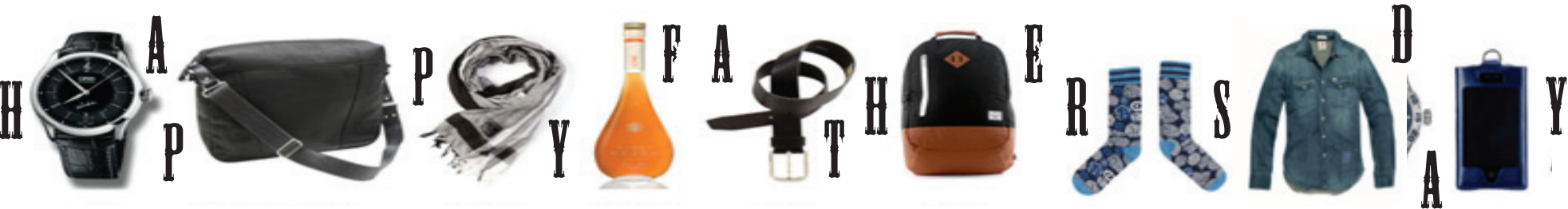
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GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL MEETING Monday, June 17, 2013 - 8:00 p.m. Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road

COMMUNICATIONS

- Presentations
- Recreation and Parks Month Proclamation
- Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)
- Minutes of Council Meetings
- Regular Meeting, May 13, 2013
 - Interview, May 28, 2013
 - Regular Meeting, May 28, 2013
 - Regular Meeting, June 3, 2013
 - Statement for the Record – Executive Session, June 5, 2013

- Administrative Reports
- Council Reports
- Committee Reports

LEGISLATION

- End of the Year Budget Adjustments
 - A. An Ordinance to Make a Supplemental Appropriation in the General Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2013, in the Amount of Four Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000) for Additional General Fund Expenditures over the Appropriated Amount
 - 1st Reading, Suspension of the Rules, 2nd Reading, Adoption
 - B. An Ordinance to Make a Supplemental Appropriation in the Replacement Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2013, in the Amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) for Additional Replacement Fund Expenditures over the Appropriated Amount - 1st Reading, Suspension of the Rules, 2nd Reading, Adoption
- A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of Certain Goods and Services from Various Vendors as Enumerated Herein When Total Fiscal Year Purchases from Each Vendor Exceed Ten Thousand Dollars
 - 1st Reading

OTHER BUSINESS

- Award of Purchase – Youth Center Floor
- 2014 Program Open Space Plan Submittal
- Maryland Municipal League Legislative Priorities
- Other Reports
- *- Adoption of Board of Appeals Resolution on Variance Application #13-002-V
- *- Resignation from Advisory Group

MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 17-21

Monday, June 17 at 8:00pm, **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING** at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov.

Wednesday, June 19 at 7:30 pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD**, in the Planning and Community Development Conference Room (Community Center, Suite 200)

Wednesday, June 19 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION with State Highway Administration (stakeholder)**, at Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.



Walk to support the Greenbelt Animal Shelter!
June 15th from 10am to 2pm at Schrom Hills Park

Come out for activities and to view the shelter's available pets!



View Adoptable Animals
Best Kisser
Costume Contest
Pet Celebrity Look Alike
Animal Crafts
Biggest Ears
Doggie Disco
I Saved a Life Bracelets

Registration is \$10 per dog from 10am to 11am
Judging will be at 11:30 am
Winners announced at noon!

Please remember all dogs must be leashed!

Plan Prince George's 2035 TOWN MEETING

Saturday, June 15 from 10-1pm (9-10am Registration)

Samuel Riggs IV Alumni Center, University of Maryland

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Tuesday, June 18 at Green Ridge House Dining Room: 22 Ridge Road from 2:30-3:30

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VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park & Recreation Advisory Board, Youth Advisory Committee

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that would allow about 3,000 square feet with adequate play areas and equipment for children in age groups 2 to 5 and 5 to 12. The city agreed to restore the existing playground areas back to grass cover when the new playground opened. The plan was presented to the city’s Park and Recreation Advisory Board in the fall, and council approved the plan at its November 26 meeting. All of the presentations of the plan included the recycled rubber surfacing.

For Want of Some Green

Contrary to misinformation presented by channel 4 television news about this matter on June 11, it is not the case that the new playground was closed because of the recent objection to the recycled rubber surfacing. Rather, it has not yet opened, nor have the two small playgrounds been closed. It might have opened had it not been for an error on the part of the vendor, who installed the wrong color rubber mulch (blue) instead of the always-right color (green). The vendor had removed the blue mulch and was about to ship the green mulch when the first of Scarato’s series of email messages was received. City staff held off on further action, other than the placement of temporary fencing around the unfinished playground, until the city council could consider the matter.

Tire Chemicals

In her written communications, as well as her presentation of a request to the city council at its May 13 regular meeting and her presentation at the work session, Scarato has detailed the many undesirable chemicals that are contained in variable amounts in the products that are made from recycled tires. In addition to the chemicals themselves, she cited the noticeable offgassing of odors that occurs when the products are first set down when they are subjected to heat and commented that it was smell from the playground surface that had caused her to research recycled tires on the internet.

Moran said city staff did not dispute the presence of the chemicals in the product since whatever is in tires will be in recycled tires. He said the key question, however, is not whether they are in the product but whether they are released in a fashion that creates a harmful exposure. He said there are pluses and minuses to every material that is currently available to use for playground surfacing under existing safety requirements. To date there is no product without drawback. The primary playground safety concern for a playground surface is protecting children from serious falls (especially injuries to head, neck and spine) and the recycled rubber products are good for that purpose. Moran said it would be possible to change to wood mulch if the council

wished to do so but that there are problems with wood as well and that although the initial costs are cheaper there are substantially more maintenance and replacement costs for wood that must be taken into account.

Federal Guidelines

As do other jurisdictions, the city relies upon the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) guidelines for playground equipment and surfacing. Rubber mulch is one of the options recommended by the CPSC. The city has installed rubber mulch in nine other playgrounds to date and has chosen it for its durability and cushioning properties. Unlike wood mulch, it does not attract mold, insects or vermin and reduces abrasions that can be caused by the wood. It is also more environmentally sustainable because it uses a recycled product rather than making wood chips from trees.

Mayor Judith Davis said the city had attempted to get a representative from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to attend the worksession but that they had declined, saying the matter is being researched in several different departments and is very complicated.

Mulch Not Crumb

Davis said the problem with almost all of the research studies Scarato was relying upon was that they were analyzing not the kind of rubber mulch used for playground surfaces but rather the type called ground rubber, crumb rubber or tire crumb, which is an entirely different product that is fine-grained and granular. She said it mimics the texture of dirt and is used in conjunction with artificial turf, which is another whole debate. Because of its form, the tire crumb would create a different type of exposure.

The council continued to discuss different types of recycled rubber surface products. Scarato insisted that none was safer than another because they all contained the same chemicals that were in the tires. Councilmembers disagreed, saying that products more expensive than mulch had solid surfaces that would likely give off less of the chemicals, would come into less direct contact with the children and could not be ingested.

Poured-in-Place

One product the city has used on several playgrounds is called a “poured-in-place” surface and is considerably more expensive to install. Councilmember Rodney Roberts has advocated for using this surface more frequently on the premise that it is better quality, requires little maintenance and is a better investment in the long run. Joe Doss said the city’s playgrounds using this surface have been in place now for 10 or 11 years and he has received no complaints about them.

Davis reiterated some of the

problems with wood mulch and told Scarato that it is especially not good to use in areas that are shady and remain damp because the mulch does not dry out. She said some residents have asked that it not be used, citing allergy and asthma problems. Roberts also cited the tripping hazards with the wood poles and frames built up to hold the mulch.

Steve Lensing said he thought much of the initial smell was a result of the packing and storing of the mulch in plastic bags until use. Councilmember Ed Putens said he had talked informally with toxicologists in his workplace and had been told that the mulch or chips may also have a coating to keep them from sticking together, which might be what can cause color to be rubbed off. Putens said that caused him concern.

Several council and staff members recounted stories of materials and broken objects that had been found in all types of playground surfacing over the years and warned that parents should not expect any surface to be without some problems and that children especially should wear shoes.

Councilmember Silke Pope concluded that the reality was that they had to deal with limited and imperfect options. Councilmember Leta Mach described the research studies as being “all over the map.” The mayor added that there is also the issue of taxes: that while some residents, like Scarato may be willing to pay more for one thing or another, other residents do not want to see taxes raised at all. She said it is council’s job to attempt to find the right balance among what different residents want, among costs and among the various risks and benefits of the products.

Eventually most councilmembers agreed they would like to consider using the poured-in-place for the new playground as it is a more solid surface that they believe will address some of the concerns about recycled rubber. They asked staff to work up cost figures for that surface and for another type of recycled rubber surface that is put down in tiles. They rejected consideration of a relatively new type called bonded rubber, which is intermediate in price between the mulch and the poured-in-place but which they thought might be more subject to being pulled apart.

The mayor told Scarato that she was grateful to her for having raised these issues, which are important ones to consider, even though council was not inclined to use wood mulch for this playground. The goal is for staff to place the matter on the agenda of the July regular meeting so that the project can be completed and the playground can be in use for part of the summer.

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and gutters and 6-foot sidewalks.

The work would be done in two phases in order to keep traffic flowing. First, a new bridge and road would be built adjacent to the existing road at half the design width. Temporarily that construction would provide a new two-lane roadway with a 4-foot shoulder on one side. In the second phase, the old bridge would be removed and the second half of the road would be built.

Discussion

Brian Gibbons, APB Chair requested that Vice-chair Matt Johnson speak for APB since Gibbons had been absent from the board’s deliberations. The APB objection is primarily to the bridge width which is 40 percent wider than the board believes is needed for a two lane roadway. The funds for the extra width could better be used for other projects, Johnson contended. Also, the board believes the extra width will encourage speeding and that the road can be easily converted to four lanes by the Department of Public Works without there ever being plan review on that option.

Councilmembers raised questions as to the need for shoulders, sidewalks on both sides of the road and whether bicycle lanes should be five or six feet wide. Concern was expressed about the impact of wetlands through which the road runs, particularly at the greater width; mitigation for the wetlands area lost is required.

While several councilmembers expressed concern about the need for road shoulders that wide, Rodney Roberts was the only one to take a position in full support of the APB recommendations. He was particularly concerned with the enlarged “dead zone” that would be caused by the bridge which is only three feet above the normal water level. He also raised concern about the process that resulted in the Metropolitan Council of Governments Transportation Planning Board approval last summer. (Roberts had raised the issue at a council meeting and revealed information about a “confidential letter” that related to efforts of county officials to make Beltsville Agricultural Research Center land available for a new FBI Headquarters facility.)

Councilmembers did agree with Roberts, however, that council action should be put off to its next meeting and the Committee to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek and other watershed groups should be notified of the matter.

Whatever council may recommend could fall on deaf ears, however. Audience member William Orleans asked if the Prince George’s County Department of Public Works was seeking city comments on the matter. City Manager Michael McLaughlin said that they were not.

Upcoming Events At New Deal Café

On Thursday, June 13 pianist Amy C. Kraft plays mid-day melodies from noon to 2 p.m. The back room at the café will be in use for the Montgomery-Prince George’s County ACLU Chapter Dinner from 6 to 9 p.m. for a discussion of marijuana legalization. The public is invited; a buffet is available for purchase.

From 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Friday, June 14 pianist John Guernsey plays classical and jazz piano, then Stealing Liberty will do jazzy versions of material by the Grateful Dead from 8 to 11 p.m.

The annual Crazy Quilt Music Festival is outdoors in Roosevelt Center on Saturday, June 15 from noon to 8 p.m. Bands will include ilyAIMY, Ace Elijah, Machines on Vacation, the Galt Line, Cold Hard Cash and the Bachelor and the Bad Actress. From 8 to 11 p.m., come inside for the U-Liners and socially-conscious Americana roots rock.

Sunday, June 16 the Not 2 Cool Jazz Trio will play from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., followed by the monthly Kids’ Open Microphone session from 1:30 to 2:30 pm. for the whole family. From 5 to 7 p.m., the Fez Tones Hafla will provide live Middle Eastern music and dance, with musicians playing the oud, darbuka and riq.

Next Week

Monday, June 17 at 7 p.m. the monthly Reel & Meal at the New Deal will screen “The Naked Option: A Last Resort.” The film portrays a peaceful protest by Nigerian women against the Chevron and Shell oil companies. A vegan buffet is available for purchase at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 18 the monthly poetry microphone session will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. On Wednesday, June 19 bring a team or form one on the spot to test knowledge on various topics at the Pub Quiz from 7 to 9 p.m. On Thursday, June 20 pianist Amy C. Kraft plays midday melodies from noon to 2 p.m. From 7 to 9 p.m. there will be an open microphone session with Joe Harris. Friday, June 21 pianist John Guernsey plays classical and jazz piano, then Colonel Josh and the Honky Tonk Heroes play classic honky tonk and country from 8 to 11 p.m.

On Saturday, June 22 Bruce Kritt plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m., then John Guernsey plays up-tempo jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Capital Blues Ensemble headlines with a foot-stomping, booty-shaking blues-based show to the café from 8 to 11 p.m. On Sunday, June 23 the weekly sign language brunch discussion is from 10:30 a.m. to noon, followed from 5 to 8 p.m. by the Willis Gidney Quartet with bossa nova, samba and jazz for the 21st Century.

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to go to college after high school rather than becoming a telephone operator.

Today's Standards

In her speech, Allen discussed today's education standards, like the Common Core state standards and STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) education.

"Why am I still teaching?" she said. "I truly believe that I have something special to give my students. I care about their learning and well-being and have faith in their ability."

She credited her profession with keeping her active and productive and went on to assure the audience that in spite of her long tenure, she is not ready to retire.

After a short address from Bowie City Councilmember-at-Large Todd Turner on behalf of County Councilmember Ingrid Turner, Prince George's County Police Department Deputy Chief Hank Stawinski introduced Boesman.

Boesman has been working for the Prince George's County Police Department for 20 years



Mayor Judith Davis and Councilmember Emmett Jordan thank the two honorees for their service to the community.

and in March attempted to save a 70-year-old man from his overturned vehicle after a fiery crash. Boesman suffered burns and a laceration and was hospitalized after the incident.

Stawinski, who started at the police academy with Boesman in 1992, said that such acts of bravery help the community have faith in their public servants and

of slain officers.

The ceremony was followed by an unveiling of the honorees' photos on the Wall of Fame.

Boesman and Allen join three previous honorees who were inducted this spring. Photographs and bios of each of the five community members can be seen on the Wall of Fame in the west mall entrance hallway.

give it "the confidence to go forward." He went on to thank Beltway Plaza Mall, saying, "If you look around this county, you'll find precious few memorials to public safety So thank you for that."

Career Advantages

In his address, Boesman talked about why he became a policeman and the advantages of careers in fields like public safety and education. "[You] don't become rich in terms of wealth but there are so many other types of riches you can get from this, you can't even quantify them," he said.

The Beltway Plaza Mall is making donations to charities chosen by Allen and Boesman, the St. Labre Indian School of Montana and Concerns of Police Survivors, a national organization providing resources to families

Old Town Bowie Hosts Free Events

Free events in Old Town Bowie on Saturday, June 15 include a summer concert by IlyAIMY/Acoustic Folk Music from 2 to 4 p.m. on the Village Green.

A & M Bicycle will hold an Antique Bicycle Day from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., with an 1887 Columbia High Wheeler, late 70s Schwinn Stingrays and Fastbacks,

over 60 antique bikes from the 30s, 40s and 50s and a newly-acquired 10-speed Sears bike from the early 70s with ram handlebars, banana seat and sissy bar.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. visitors can tour a 1923 Norfolk & Western caboose at the Railroad Museum or see the children's display at Bowie's Heritage and Children's Museum.

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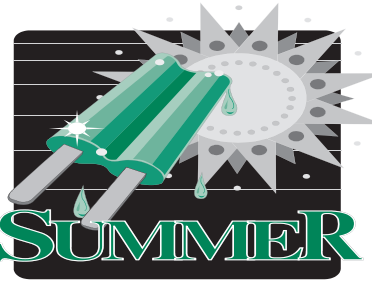
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Alcohol Violation

June 1, 4:27 p.m., Gardenway. An 18-year-old Greenbelt woman was arrested and charged with furnishing alcoholic beverages to underage individuals. She was released on citation pending trial.

Disorderly Conduct

June 4, 5:01 p.m., Beltway Plaza. A 33-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and failure to obey a lawful order. He was transferred to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Burglary

May 31, 7:50 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Lane. Jewelry and electronics were taken.

Vandalism

June 3, 3:53 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. A window was broken.

Vehicle Crime

An attempted auto theft occurred in the 9100 block Springhill Court.

Thefts from autos occurred in the 7800 block Greenbrook Drive (key) and 7800 block Hanover Parkway (rear Md. tag).

Vandalism occurred in the 6100 block Greenbelt Road (vehicle was scratched).

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. Call 1-866-411-TIPS. People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 240-542-2145.

CPAE Photography Club Meets Friday

Photography buffs who want to attend and participate in The Underexposed, the photography club sponsored by College Park Arts Exchange (CPAE), may attend meetings on Friday evenings from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road, College Park. For more information visit www.facebook.com/groups/photo20740/.

Van Schoonhoven Plaque Dedicated

On Saturday, June 15 at 3 p.m., a commemorative plaque at Greenbelt Elementary School for former Greenbelt Center Elementary Principal Dr. John Van Schoonhoven will be dedicated at the Japanese dogwood in front of the school at 66 Ridge Road. All are welcome.

Van Schoonhoven's contribution to the city and the school system were recognized at the groundbreaking for the new Greenbelt Elementary School in the spring of 1992 when the Japanese dogwood was planted to commemorate his work. The tree, which is flourishing nicely, did not receive a commemorative plaque at that time. The plaque was funded by many in memory of his strong advocacy for education and children.

Rummage Sale At St. Hugh's

The annual St. Hugh's rummage sale will be on Saturday and Sunday next weekend, June 15 and 16 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. both days.

There will be bargains, food, a bake sale and door prizes. See ad on page 3.

GreenBeLT Pride Game Night Held

GreenBeLT Pride will hold a monthly summer game night on Friday, June 14 at 6 p.m. Game nights are held outdoors on the second Friday of each month at Roosevelt Center. (In case of inclement weather, meet inside the New Deal Café.) This family-friendly event is open to all.

GIVES to Hold Annual Meeting

The Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, June 15 at 10 a.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. Elections will also be held for positions of president, secretary and the advisory board.

GIVES members and anyone who might be interested in becoming "a neighbor helping neighbors" are encouraged to attend. Members volunteer to provide services such as transportation, light housework, shopping and errands, computer assistance and yard work.

For more information, call 301-507-6580.

Free Bonsai Exhibit Opens at Arboretum

From June 15 through September, a free exhibit on Bonsai will be featured in the National Bonsai & Penjing Museum at the U.S. National Arboretum. The exhibit is open Fridays through Mondays only, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"Becoming a Bonsai" demonstrates the steps involved in creating bonsai and illustrates the process that transforms a common crape myrtle into bonsai.

Juneteenth Celebration Held at Watkins Park

Watkins Regional Park will be the site for this year's 6th Annual Juneteenth Celebration on Saturday, June 15. Juneteenth, also known as African American Emancipation Day, will be celebrated from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

On June 19, 1865, two and one-half years after the Emancipation Proclamation freed them, slaves in Texas learned they were free. Since then, Juneteenth observances and celebrations have spread from Texas to African American communities throughout the United States. The Afro-American Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. will host genealogy workshops starting at 8:30 a.m. at Watkins Nature Center. These workshops are designed for both beginning and advanced researchers who are interested in family genealogy. Pre-registration for the genealogical workshops is preferred and available at <http://pgcm.aahgs.org/juneteenth> or by calling Carolyn Rowe at 301-292-2751 or Jane Thomas at 301-292-1207.

Participants are invited to bring a picnic basket and blanket or lawn chair. Watkins Regional Park is at 301 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro. For more information, call 301-627-2270; TTY 301-699-2544.

Team Illusion to Meet Tonight and Saturday

Team Illusion 4464, a competitive robotics team for middle and high school students, will meet Thursday, June 13 from 6 to 9 p.m. to plan summer activities. The team will also meet Saturday, June 15 from 5 to 8 p.m. to prepare the team's robot for presentation at the American Control Conference on Sunday.

Meetings are held at 8812 Orbit Lane in Lanham. New team members and parents are welcome. For more information call Dr. Vijay Kowtha at 202-423-0034 or visit <http://www.teamillusion4464.com>.

Royal Jade Will Change Locations; Liquor License

by Mary Moien

Lynn Tue, the owner of Royal Jade restaurant, was present at the Greenbelt City Council meeting May 13 as the restaurant's request for a liquor license transfer was briefly discussed very late in the evening. The restaurant had closed at 7401 Greenbelt Road and is preparing to open in the former Jasper's restaurant in Greenway Center.

Tue took the opportunity to describe the changes to her restaurant including showing the new menu to council and stating she is expanding the menu to include foods from other Asian countries, thus, the facility will

have a sushi bar as well as Thai food.


Mayor Judith Davis explained that the Board of License Commissioners (liquor control board) actually has authority to grant or deny the transfer of the license. However, the board usually accepts input from the city on the decision. The council took no stand on the license transfer. No stand indicates to the liquor board that the city has no negative information to provide.

The liquor transfer application was scheduled to be discussed at the May 28 meeting of the Board of License Commissioners.

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Newest Delegate A. Washington Aims to Improve Job Outlook

by Woody Wilder

Alonzo T. Washington of Hyattsville wants to “pay it forward” to Prince George’s County. Why? Partly because it is the right thing to do. Mainly because of Joseph Fisher, who paid it forward for him a decade ago. It’s an interesting story. No one in Washington’s family had ever been to college. Not his mother, Elizabeth Washington, who “worked her butt off” to provide for the family. Not his father, a man Washington never knew. None of his four younger siblings, who saw Alonzo go before them. Alonzo was the first – and only. It may not have been possible without Fisher, whom Washington acknowledges as his mentor. Fisher is the founder of First Generation College Bound (FGCB) – “a grassroots organization based in Prince George’s County whose mission is to increase the participation of low- and moderate-income youth in higher education, particularly those whose parents do not have a bachelor’s degree.” It was with the help of FGCB, the guidance of Fisher and various grants and scholarships that allowed Washington to become the first college-bound member of his family.

A graduate of Laurel High School, Washington finally became a first generation college graduate in 2007 when he graduated from the University of Maryland, College Park with a degree in criminal justice and criminology. He also plans to pursue a law degree. After college, Washington served the Prince George’s County Council as an outreach coordinator for two years before being promoted to chief-of-staff to Councilmember William Campos. Following a two-year stint with Campos, Washington was then appointed in December to the state legislature following Justin Ross’ departure from the House of Delegates. Washington became the youngest delegate, 29, joining 22nd legislative district delegates Tawanna P. Gaines and Anne Healey. Washington was officially appointed to the position by Governor Martin O’Malley after overwhelming support from the Democratic Central Committee of Prince George’s County.



Alonzo Washington

Since being appointed to the seat, Washington has helped pass two bills in the House of Delegates. The first helped homeowners complete short sale foreclosures; meanwhile, he also helped pass House Bill 1161 on improving special education throughout the state. He will see out the remainder of Ross’ term, which is set to

expire in 2014 and will be up for election that year. In the meantime, he remains focused and committed to improving Prince George’s County. Washington wants to see the county’s job market improve, citing the lack of high end jobs as an example. A vibrant community is also at the top of Washington’s priorities. Lastly, Washington is concerned about the high numbers of uninsured residents in Prince George’s County. Washington doesn’t see himself as a “politician”; rather as a mentor to those of similar upbringing in the county. A firm believer in community service, Washington can be found working in soup kitchens, in and around impoverished communities, with First Generation College Bound, as well as many other service opportunities. Washington will continue to pay it forward to his community. A community, he says, he’ll never leave.

CPAE Holds Kids’ Arts Drop-Ins
Two College Park Arts Exchange (CPAE) children’s Arts Drop-in programs will be led by Aaron Springer on Saturday, June 15 from 10 a.m. to noon and Sunday, June 16 from 2 to 4 p.m. The Saturday drop-in is at the College Park Community Center, 5051 Pierce Avenue; the Sunday workshop is at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road, College Park. The project for this weekend will be making mobiles. These free creative arts workshops are for children ages 3 to 8, accompanied by a parent. For more information email info@cpae.org or call 301-927-3013.

Book Club to Discuss Women’s Nonfiction
A discussion of literary nonfiction by women will be held by the College Park Arts Exchange Book Club on Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at the Old Parish House. The book to be discussed June 14 is “Swimming Up the Sun: A Memoir of Adoption,” by Nicole Burton with a visit from the author. The Old Parish House is at 4711 Knox Road, College Park (corner of Knox and Dartmouth, near the Metro). Parking passes may be obtained at the door.

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A Preview

Christie Who-done-it Coming to GAC, Begins June 21

by Jim Link

The Queen of Crime, the Mistress of Mystery, Dame Agatha Christie is coming to the Greenbelt Arts Center on the weekend of June 21 through 23 (Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.).

Author of over 80 whodunits, Dame Christie has sold two billion copies of her books, almost as many as the Bible, twice as much as Charles Dickens, her favorite author. Creator of Hercule Poirot and Miss Jane Marple, Christie also wrote the world's longest-running play, *The Mousetrap*, still on stage since its opening in 1952.

I won't say which of Christie's many detective story tropes are on display in director Rick Starkweather's production of *The Unexpected Guest*, whether the least likely suspect, the locked room, the red herring, the bizarre twist at the end

But when one foggy night Michael Starkwedder discovers the corpse of Richard Warwick with Warwick's wife Laura, gun in hand, next to it in their library, the grisly tableau seems way too pat for him. So he gallantly tries to prove Laura's innocence.

Follow Christie's thread through her plot labyrinth to the very end, which is indeed a shocker.



Miss Bennett (Laura Hope Shapiro) and Jan (Gemma Davimes)



Sergeant Caldwellader (Kristi Gardner) and Inspector Thomas (Connie Spittler).



Laura Warwick (Dayana Byrnes) and Richard Warwick.

PHOTOS BY MARIA ADALI



Retro Town Fair Returns Labor Day

The Greenbelt Museum has secured a commitment that last year's very popular Retro Town Fair will return to this year's Labor Day weekend festivities. All are invited to plan ahead to bring needlework, flowers, garden vegetables, canning and baked goods for judging and admiration of all.

It will be held, as last year, at the rear of Roosevelt Center, with categories similar to those of last year. More information will follow as it is developed, with a registration form to be available in August. Meanwhile, start those vegetables, flowers, canning and needlework projects and dig out best recipes!

For more information email Sheila Maffay-Tuthill at greenbelt-museumedo@gmail.com.



Baha'i Holds Bike Recycling Event

As one of June's Peace Month activities, the Greenbelt Baha'i Community is holding its annual bike collection on Sunday, June 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot behind the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

Bikes in all models in repairable condition, bicycle parts, accessories and tools will be collected, although children's tricycles cannot be. Bikes for the World collects thousands of bicycles donated this way, donating them to nonprofit partners overseas, where they are reconditioned and transform lives. A \$10 per bike donation is suggested to defray part of the cost for shipping.

More information about Bikes for the World is at www.bikes-fortheworld.org; questions about the Baha'i collection day here can be emailed to jamesfischer@mac.com.

City Notes

Animal Control relocated two turtles and removed three kittens from a bush and geese from the roadway.

The Department of Public Works removed two storm-damaged Bradford pears on Lakecrest Drive and a white oak on the lake path.

Community Center's electric basketball winch was inspected and repaired by a Porter-authorized technician from Philadelphia.

Help County to Plan A Downtown Area

On Saturday, June 15 the Prince George's County Planning Department of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCP-PC) will hold an interactive town meeting at the University of Maryland Samuel Riggs IV Alumni Center from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The purpose is to obtain information about community priorities and opinions on the top places to develop an area to be designated as "downtown Prince George's."

Residents and community and business leaders, along with elected and appointed officials, are invited to give input on a new blueprint planners are developing for the county's economic vitality, growth and development. Through its Plan Prince George's 2035 project, the Planning Department is working to develop ideas for an update of the 2002 Prince George's County General Plan.

Held in partnership with AmericaSpeaks, a national leader in interactive community engagement on civic issues, the meeting will ask participants to select three top places for downtown Prince George's.

Space is limited; attendees must RSVP at www.planpgc2035.com. Free parking is available and light refreshments will be served.

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